

TEXT OF DOCUMENT IS NOW COMPLETED

Semi-Official View in Rome is that Italians Have Not Definitely Withdrawn from the Conference. Outcome of Italian Parliamentary Action is now Awaited.

The stage is rapidly being set for the final phase of the peace negotiations said the Associated Press last night. Yesterday's plenary session of the peace conference stamped its approval on the covenant of the League of Nations, while today Germany's plenipotentiaries are expected to arrive at Versailles to join the members of the mission already there.

Some points in the peace treaty to be presented the Germans are as yet unsettled, but it is considered possible the clauses involved will shortly be ready for incorporation in the document, so that the completed treaty will be ready for the enemy delegates by the week's end.

Italy was not represented at the plenary session yesterday, but dispatches from Rome indicate the probability that her delegates will return to Paris after a brief period. The Italian parliament will meet today and it is expected that Premier Orlando will at once appear and lay before it the situation which arose at Paris when President Wilson made his public statement relative to Fiume and the Dalmatian coast.

Action by the parliament, which will be in effect a mandate to the Orlando ministry, will be requested, there being an effort to obtain a unanimous vote on the resolution demanding that Italy's claims on the eastern coast of the Adriatic be recognized. If this is done, it is probable that Premier Orlando and his colleagues will immediately re-appear in Paris. Advice from Rome state that the semi-official view of the situation there is that Italy has not definitely withdrawn from the peace conference but has merely suspended participation.

If the vote of the Italian parliament is favorable to the position taken by Premier Orlando, it is probable that the diplomatic battle will be resumed in Paris.

There is apparently no thought for the present at least to annex Fiume to Italy by parliamentary action, it being planned to demand action on the part of the conference.

The national council of Fiume, however, has, according to report, handed all the powers of the state and municipality to a representative of Italy there.

German government troops are slowly encircling Munich, which is held by soviet forces, but it is probable that it will be several days before a general attack on the city is launched.

Rumanian attacks against the soviet army of Hungary are making progress, according to reports, which state that Bela Kun, the head of the Hungarian Bolsheviks, has admitted the troops under his command are being defeated. Hundreds of people are being arrested at Budapest and are being held as hostages by the Bolsheviks, who threaten wholesale executions if the Rumanians continue to advance.

The withdrawal of American forces from most of the front line positions in northern Russia is reported. It is said that they will leave the country as soon as possible.

NAVAL SEAPLANE

READY FOR START

Machine Prepared for Overseas "Jump Off"

Rockaway, N. Y., April 27.—The big naval seaplane NC-3, which completed a successful trial trip at the naval air station here today, may "jump off" any time now for Newfoundland on the first leg of its trip overseas, according to a statement tonight by Commissioner John E. Towers, in charge of the navy department's plans for a trans-Atlantic flight.

Commander Towers asserted the machine was ready for its "big hop", but declined to say whether it would be held here until the NC-4 and NC-1, the other naval entries, are ready for flight. It is said these planes will not be ready to take the air until the end of this week.

Commander Towers made his statement after he had talked with the pilots who today had taken the NC-3 for two short but satisfactory

TRAGEDIES OF PETROGRAD TOLD

Men and Women Drop in the Street Through Sheer Starvation, but You Seldom Hear Complaints.

London, March 20.—Appalling incidents of the tragedy of starvation in Petrograd are revealed by a writer in the Ruskoje Slovo, a newspaper published at Libau.

"Is life at Petrograd really as terrible as people and as the newspaper describe it?" he asks. "It is difficult for me to answer this question, difficult to return to the exciting and fantastic moods evoked by hungry, abandoned Petrograd.

"Educated people beg for alms in the streets and hang around public eating houses gazing piteously into the eyes of those who eat and wait greedily in case anyone should leave some morsel behind.

"Children rummage in the refuse pits and ravenously devour heads of herrings and all the things despised even in the hungry Petrograd household, all the things undiscovered even by the lean, enfeebled Petrograd cats. I will not tell of the terrible judicial proceedings where ten-year old de-humanized boys admit with sullen cynicism that they deliberately killed a little brother or sister who embezzled their lives and devoured all the bread rations. All these things made up the chronicle of daily happenings when we still had a press.

"How do they live who have not become wild beasts? They are all hungry and hunger tortures them all. But each knows that all the others are hungry and that is why no one speaks of his hunger. Human suffering has lost its individuality. Who will pity me if I nearly die of hunger when everyone is hungry himself? Everyone will turn away and say in a surly voice: "I, too am dying."

"Men and women cease to complain. They drop in the streets through sheer starvation but you seldom hear anyone complain about his hunger, his own torturing enervating hunger. They all pretend to be busy with their wonted affairs as though they had come to an unspoken agreement, as though their customary existence were still going on and nothing had altered.

"A school girl is running along with her bundle of books to catch an electric car. Her dress is hanging from her body, her little face is drawn together so that it is now about the size of a fist. She is assuredly hungry, but she runs as she used to run in days long ago to catch the car as though she must run on and on.

"On a garden path a little boy is playing. His mother calls him and gives him a piece of bread made of some doubtful flour substitute. He eats it very carefully and collects all the crumbs and returns to his game. Nor does his mother groan or sigh but hurriedly takes from her little basket a worn stocking and mends it. Assuredly she has forgotten the remembrance of food, yet she hurries on with her work.

"You can feel a strain, an inhuman effort in the present daily life of Petrograd. You feel that everything is only held together by the power of imagination that may cease at any moment.

"Petrograd, the doomed city, a sick to death."

CHANGES HIS POSITION

Mr. George Flanagan, who has been connected with the orphanage as Superintendent, has severed his connection with the institution and accepted a position with Jacobs & Company. Mr. Flanagan is an industrious and reliable young man and has a wide circle of friends in the city who are glad to know that his change in position does not carry him elsewhere.

flights. On each trip the machine carried about 28,000 pounds.

While official announcement of officers and crews selected for the flight is not expected until tomorrow, word has been received here from Washington that Lieut. Walter K. Hinton and Elmer F. Stone have been selected to pilot two of the machines.

Three of the F-5 type of plane which recently made good showings at Hampton Roads for both speed and duration have arrived here. It is believed they will convey the larger seaplanes on the first leg of the trip from here.

Mr. Hilery Blakely spent Tuesday in Roebuck.

COTTON ADVANCED NEARLY

A CENT DURING WEEK

Rising Tendency Due to Belief that Peace is Near.

New Orleans, April 27.—The net change in the price of cotton contracts last week was a rise of nearly a cent a pound. May-traded up to 27.60 and closed at 27.38. In the spot department there was a gain of only 38 points on middling which closed at 27.63. On the closing session middling spots and May contracts were at one time within three points of each other the discount on contracts being wiped out after having existed for over two years. Last contract prices showed net gains of 39 to 113 points.

The rising tendency of the market was due in a large measure to the belief that peace was near and there was heavy buying in a quiet way on this account in spite of the Italian situation which, as a surface feature, was against values to some extent. On the end of the week, however, it served merely to hold buying within bounds. Cold weather in the belt and the mention of its effect in official reports on the germination of seed and the growth of young plants helped to put prices up.

This week the market will not open until Tuesday morning, owing to the celebration of home-coming troops here Monday. It was generally conceded in week-end market letters that the opening of the new week would depend largely on weather and political news over the holiday period. The weekly crop accounts Wednesday are bound to be of the highest importance, because they will submit the results of the cold wave which recently passed over the cotton country.

Spot developments will be awaited with the greatest interest for it is felt that the better business in dry goods in this country is bound to stimulate the demand for raw material but it is admitted that the foreign demand will hang on what comes out of the peace conference. Appearances are that the market will become more of a weather affair, unless world politics take a new turn of the highest importance, and in this connection warm and bright weather with moderate showers at intervals would make for new operations on the short side while continued low temperatures and unfavorable moisture conditions, either way, would encourage buying.

BORAH STILL REFUSES TO SUPPORT LEAGUE

Supporters of Plan Think Amendments Insure Ratification by the Senate, However.

Washington, April 27.—Members of the senate were greatly interested tonight in the revised text of the league of nations covenant as made public by the state department.

Senator Borah of Idaho (Republican), one of the leading opponents of the league, in a statement, however, reiterated his declaration that despite the changes he could not support the proposed covenant.

Supporters of the league plan, however, reiterated their belief that the revised covenant would be ratified by the senate.

"From a cursory examination of the covenant," said Senator Henderson of Nevada (Democrat), "I believe the insertion of the Monroe doctrine amendment, the two year withdrawal clause and a provision removing domestic questions from the league as well as the other changes that have been made will virtually meet all the objections raised against it."

A similar view was expressed by Senator Pittman (Democrat), also of Nevada and member of the foreign relations committee.

DIRECTORS MEET TONIGHT

The board of directors of The Commercial Club will meet tonight at 8 p. m. at the office of the secretary to perfect plans for the "Big Anniversary Celebration" to be held in connection with chauntauca week.

LANDED IN NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lankford received a telegram Tuesday morning from their son Clyde announcing that the Rainbow Division, of which he is a member, had arrived at New York. The division will proceed to Camp Merritt, N. J., to be demobilized.

Mrs. Maggie Little and Mr. Frank Little spent Sunday with Mrs. A. P. Little.

ORATOR NAMED FOR COLLEGE CLOSING

President D. M. Douglas, of the Presbyterian College, announced yesterday that the commencement address before the graduating class will be delivered on Wednesday, June 4th, by Dr. R. H. Bennett, of Emory University, Ga. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on the preceding Sunday by Dr. H. Tucker Graham, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Florence, and the Y. M. C. A. sermon will be preached in the evening by the Rev. J. P. Marion, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Sumter.

GOVERNMENT TO SELL SHIPPING INTERESTS

Immense Plants Built Up in War Emergency to Go Into Private Hands.

Washington, April 27.—Important steps toward disposing of the tremendous shipping interests built up by the government during the war were taken today in the creation by Director General Piez of a new section of the emergency fleet corporation designed to supervise the disposal of millions of dollars worth of investments to private concerns.

The new section will be known as the plant disposal section, with B. E. Grant, engineer of the shipyard plants division, in charge. Sale of the corporation's interests in wood yards, concrete yards, steel yards and fabricating plants will be effected under Mr. Grant's direction, with a view to putting the immense shipbuilding plants into private hands as going concerns so they may continue for the benefit of the economic welfare of the communities in which they are located.

Termination of the war brought about cancellation of contracts with wood yards and these will be the first interests to be placed on the market by the new section.

NEGRO TRIES TO ENTER CROSS HILL STORE

Interrupted in the Act and Captured After Being Wounded and Chased Nearly All Night.

Following a chase which lasted from midnight until early Tuesday morning, Willie Washington, colored, was brought to the county jail yesterday morning by Sheriff Reid, Deputy Sheriff Hicks Owings and Rural Policeman Columbus Owings. About midnight Monday night Washington was discovered by several young men while making an attempt to enter the store of Mr. J. H. Nance. The white men secured guns and when Washington tried to make his escape they shot at him, one load of shot hitting him in the right leg and taking off one of the fingers of his right hand. He eluded these young men then, but they with others joined the sheriff and his officers later and finally captured the culprit in a swamp some distance from town. Before being placed in the county jail, Washington was given medical attention and yesterday afternoon he was getting along very well.

METHODISTS SEEK JOBS FOR SOLDIERS

Piedmont Churches Plan to Connect Unemployed Ex-Service Men with Work.

Greenville, April 14.—Every Methodist church in the Piedmont section will endeavor to help the returned soldiers to find a job Sunday, May 4, according to plans that have been worked out by the authorities of that church. An organization of several hundred minute men, formed to promote the centenary movement, will speak on the subject of giving positions to returned soldiers.

The plans provide for the listing of positions or opening with the United States employment bureau, according to L. P. Hollis, conference director of the centenary movement. Every church will have a committee on employment and demobilization to see how many of the soldiers of the particular congregation have positions and to open positions for those who have not secured employment.

The plan as outlined by the church authorities is for every employer to put into the contribution boxes slips showing how many men he can furnish employment. Soldiers and sailors wishing employment are urged to put their name in the plate also and in this way it is planned to bring employer and employee together in the easiest and quickest way.

Those applying for the positions do not have to be members of the Methodist church or of any church. The fact that they have served the nation in the world war will be sufficient recommendation for every Methodist employer to give them a chance.

BAPTIST S. S. WORKERS MEET HERE TODAY

The Laurens County Baptist Sunday School Institute will convene here this morning at the First Baptist Church, and continue in session until Friday at noon. Several prominent speakers are on the program, among them being Thos. J. Watts, Sunday School Secretary; J. A. Gaines, B. Y. P. U. Secretary; Dr. W. L. Ball, C. B. Bobo, C. H. Roper and other pastors and laymen of the county.

The service Thursday night will be in charge of Dr. W. L. Ball, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg. Dr. Ball is pleasantly remembered in the city, having recently conducted an evangelistic meeting here, and will be greeted this evening by a large congregation.

The sessions begin at 10 a. m., and Rev. Edward Long, the pastor, extends a cordial invitation to all Sunday School workers and the public in general to attend the meetings.

MANY VISIT WAR TROPHY TRAIN

Several hundred persons visited the war trophy train during the two hours that it remained in the city Tuesday morning. The cars were parked just below the Union Station and everybody who desired to had a chance to inspect the captured guns, helmets, rifles, etc., that did full duty for the Huns on the western front. The children of the public schools and orphanage were out en masse to see and enjoy the war trophies that had been brought as silent, but forceful arguments, in favor of the buying of Victory bonds during the present campaign. The train was composed of two flat cars and a box car on which the war trophies were displayed, and in the rear were the Pullman accommodations for the workers in charge of the work. The addresses were short and to the point, and after the relics had been inspected by the throngs of men, women and children present, the train pulled out on its announced schedule for a similar visit to Laurens.

BISHOP HOSS DIES AT OKLAHOMA HOME

Widely Known as Writer, Editor and Educator in Southern Methodist Church.

Muskogee, Okla., April 27.—Bishop Embree Hoss of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home here at 9:30 o'clock tonight following a paralytic stroke two months ago. He was born in Jonestown, Tenn. April 14, 1849.

Bishop Hoss, also widely known as a writer, editor and educator, was educated at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va. He married Miss Abbie B. Clark, Christiansburg, Va., in November, 1872. He had entered the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in 1869 and was in charge of the pastorate at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1870. At the close of his year at Knoxville he was transferred to the Pacific Coast Conference and was pastor at San Francisco in 1872 after which he was transferred to the North Carolina Conference and was pastor at Asheville in 1875.

Doctor Hoss became president of the Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va., in 1876. In 1881 he was made vice president of Emory and Henry College, later becoming its president. He was professor of ecclesiastical history in Vanderbilt University from 1885 until he became the editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate in 1890. This work he continued until 1902.

His more pretentious writings include "The New Age," published in 1906; "David Morton, a Biography," 1916; "Methodist Fraternity and Federation" a compilation of essays and papers, 1913, and "William McKendres, a Biographical Study," 1914.

In 1902 he was confirmed as bishop and continued his bishopric until relieved in May 1918, on account of illness. Since that time he had been making his home with a son in Muskogee.

PRESS DRIVE FOR VICTORY LOAN

Clintonians Urged to Make Effort to Raise Quota—Assessments for City Banks.

The campaign to sell \$111,050 Victory Liberty Bonds in Clinton is now on and several thousand dollars have already been subscribed. The banks of the city have sold a number of bonds and announce in a joint advertisement in today's paper that they are ready to assist their customers in making their subscriptions. B. H. Boyd, is again chairman and hopes to see another splendid record made before the campaign comes to a close. The work will be pushed and it is hoped by the executive committee that there will be a generous response to the call in order that the town's quota may be raised.

Clinton's assessment is divided among the four banks as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name and Amount. Total \$111,050.

ANTI-SOVIET REVOLT IN HUNGARY FAILED

Communist Government Court Imposes Summary Sentences on Instigators.

Zurich, Switzerland, April 28.—An anti-communist uprising in Fueles, Hungary near Sopron (Odenburg), west of Budapest, began April 10, and ended a few days later with the execution of a priest on false charges and the imposition of prison sentences on 15 others accused of participation in the revolt. This news has just been received here from Vienna, having been held up by the rigid censorship at Budapest.

The revolt began among the peasants who defeated a red army force sent from Sopron. Reinforcements finally enabled the troops to suppress the revolt. The communist government immediately sent revolutionary judges to Fueles to punish the rebels.

The tribunal caused the arrest of all the young men of Fueles and from them selected 2 of the wealthiest. They were told they would be shot unless they betrayed the name of the rebel leader of the uprising. After conferring among themselves the young men, it is reported unanimously denounced the Rev. Anthony Szedeniker, a Catholic priest, as the intellectual originator. The trial of the priest lasted less than an hour and there were no witnesses except the young men. He was condemned to death and shot a half hour later.

Subsequently the young men, it is added said that they had denounced the priest only because they were convinced that his calling would protect him from violence.

TO USE BANK FUNDS BANK PAYS COUNTY

Fairfield Makes Advantageous Arrangement. Best Bid Accepted.

Winnsboro, April 24.—It is believed that Fairfield county can boast of the most advantageous financial arrangement for borrowing money of any county in the State. This year the Merchants' and Planters' Bank of Winnsboro, of which Senator T. H. Ketchin is president, actually pays the county one-fourth of 1 per cent. on the \$25,000 to be borrowed by the county for the privilege of making the loan. The details of the arrangement provide that all county officers shall make their deposits of county funds in the bank which agrees to lend the amount needed by the county. The banks in the county are called upon to bid for the loan, and the Merchants' and Planters' Bank this year agreed to pay the county one-fourth of 1 per cent. on the loan on the condition that the county officers deposit their funds in that bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Miss Davenport of Ninety Six, motored over Tuesday to spend the day with Miss Ellen Anderson.